(c) the details of single lines falling under Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of Government's plan to convert them into double lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) During 2005-06 and 2006-07 the number of new trains introduced which are either originating or passing through Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are 38 pairs and 44 pairs respectively.

(c) As on 31.03.2007, the length of single line falling under the State of Uttar Pradesh is 5085.37 kilometres.

(d) Doubling of single line section and/or providing multiple line on double line section are taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated. The major routes taken up for patch doubling/multiple lines in the State of Uttar Pradesh includes Lucknow-Gonda-Gorakhpur-Chhapra, Lucknow-Mughalsarai, Hapur-Moradabad, Allahabad-Manikpur, Aligarh-Ghaziabad and around Kanpur area.

High speed rail corridor

2135. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governmnent of Karnataka has requested for setting up a high speed rail corridor linking Hubli-Mysore-Bangalore as well as Chennai and Ernakulam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto and the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Government of Karnataka has suggested following two corridors for setting up of High Speed Rail Corridor:

(i) Bangalore-Hubli; and

(ii) Bangalore-Mysore.

(b) During the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors.

In this regard, various State Governments were approached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Karnataka have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibility studies. The proposal is in its initial stages. Action will be taken to conduct pre-feasibility studies after consultation with State Governments.

Rail project in Andhra Pradesh

2136. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest details of the progress made on Gooty-Renigunta patch doubling/ Raichur-Guntakal doubling and Renigunta-Guntakal railway electrification projects under the Golden Quadrilateral Scheme;

(b) the time likely to be taken to complete each of these projects alongwith the original target set for these projects; and

(c) the reasons for delay, if any, in completion of these projects, project-wise, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The details of progress, the original target dates of completion of the projects are given as under:–

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Progress made	Original target dates/present target date of completion	Reasons for delay
1	Gooty-Renigunta Patch Doubling	Out of 151 kms., formation and bridges completed for 41 kms. Rails and sleepers for 95 kms. received.	March,2009/ March,2009	There is no delay.
2	Raichur-Guntakal Doubling	Tender for civil works finalized. Work has been taken up.	March,2009/ March,2009	There is no delay.
3	Renigunta-Guntakal Railway Electrification	Electrification of Renigunta-Nandalur section completed. Electrification of Nandalur-Guntakal is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) alongwith doubling.	December,2009	There is no delay.

High speed corridor in Tamil Nadu

2137. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build high speed corridors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the locations there of including in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the Budget aunouncement 2007-08, it is proposed to conduct pre-feasibility studies only. Corridors will be identified after the pre-feasibility studies and consultation with State Governments.

(c) At present, it is proposed to conduct pre-feasibility studies only. A decision can be taken only after the completion of these studies.